രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ:

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കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ	൧൫൭.൫൬	൪൬൧,൭൩൯
കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ	൧൬൭.൫൧	൪൬൬,൬൨൯
മുകുന്ദപുരം	൫൧൦.൦൦	൯൦൭,൫൯൭
തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ	൬൪൫.൫൦	൬൯൯,൧൭൭
തലപ്പിള്ളി	൬൫൭.൦൦	൬൯൫,൧൯൯
ചിറ്റൂർ	൬൯൬. ൬൫	൧൧൭,൯൭൭

SCARCITY OF RICE IN THE STATE—STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT—PARTICULARS OF

94. മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽ ഹാജി ഈസാ സേട്ട്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ട സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) സ്റ്റോറിൽ അരിയുടെ ദൌർല്ലഭ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു് അറിവുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) അതിനെ ഇല്ലായ്മചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ട വല്ലനടപടികളും എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു നടപടിയാണു് എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: (എ) ബമ്മയിൽനിന്നുള്ള ഇറക്കുമതി ഇല്ലാതായതോടുകൂടി ജനങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ കുറച്ചൊരു പരിഭ്രമമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു; എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ സ്ഥിതിഗതികൾക്കു് വളരെ വ്യത്യാസം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) ഉവ്വു്.

(സി) കൃഷിസ്ഥലങ്ങൾ തരിശായിക്കിടപ്പാൻ അനുവദിക്കാതിരിക്കുക, പുതിയ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ കൃഷിക്കു് ഉപയോഗപ്രദങ്ങളാക്കിത്തീർക്കുക, ജലസേചനപദ്ധതി മുതലായവയിൽ കൂടുതൽ നിഷ്കർഷകാണിക്കുക, അരി പുറംരാജ്യങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു വാങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ടുവരിക, സ്റ്റോറിലുള്ള അരി പുറംരാജ്യങ്ങളിലേക്കു പോകാതിരിപ്പാൻ വേണ്ട നിയന്ത്രണങ്ങൾ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുക മുതലായവ.

95. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ആർ. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ട സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) അരിയുടെ വിലനിയന്ത്രണം കൊച്ചിരാജ്യം മുഴുവനും ഒരേ രീതിയിലല്ലേ;

(ബി) ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലും അരിയുടെ വില ഒരേ തരത്തിലാണോ;

(സി) അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലേയും അരി വില എന്താണു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: (എ) അതെ.

(ബി) അല്ല.

(സി) സിവിൽ സപ്ലൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ഗസറ്റിൽ പ്രസ്താവം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ൧൯൪൨ ഡിസമ്പർ ൩-ാംനു-ത്തെ പ്രസ്താവം നോക്കുക.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*. With regard to the last answer wherein we are referred to a Gazette publication I wish to bring to your kind notice Sir, that that method of answering questions may kindly be changed so that the purpose for which the question is put may be served. When the question book is put into our hands we will not be able to get at the Gazette and find out the required publication. Instead of that method being employed especially in cases where the answer required to be printed is a short one, the answer contained in the Gazette itself may kindly be printed. It is very difficult to get at the reference, in so short a time so that useful supplementary questions may be pursued on the strength of that answer. So my humble request to the Hon'ble President is that directions may be given to have the answer, as it is, printed. The question herein concerned is what is the price of rice in each of the Taluk. The answer is, refer to Gazette notification dated 3rd December 1942. This answer could well be printed saying what the price in each Taluk is for rice. It could very easily be done and that is the request that I make to the Hon'ble President.

Mr. President: In such cases the answer will be printed.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to question No. 96, Sir, Mr. M. K. Devassy not being present I request that the Hon'ble President may be pleased under rule 16 to allow that question to be put, because it is a very important question on which supplementary questions could be usefully and profitably be put. Only if the question is put, supplementaries may be put by the Hon'ble Members. Rule 16 provides for that. Rule 16 reads thus. Even though the question is not put or the member in whose name it stands is absent if the Hon'ble President thinks that this is a question of public interest, rule 16 provides that the question may be answered and supplementary questions put.

President: I have no objection.

96, **Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government has any idea of commandeering paddy in the State; and if so

(*b*) what steps have been taken in this matter?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In pursuance of the decision of the Government to purchase all the excess stock of paddy from cultivators and land-owners and in order to have a correct idea of the entire surplus stock available for purchase, all the persons, owning, cultivating or in possession or management of paddy lands aggregating not less than 2 acres were ordered to submit a true and correct return to the Tahsildars showing the yield of paddy and the quantity of paddy available for purchase by Government. It has also been stipulated that after the date of the order no person shall, save with the permission of Government, sell or enter into any contract for the sale of paddy derived from the crops harvested between 1st Vrischigam 1118 and 1st Meenam 1118 and all contracts entered into before the order and remaining to be performed whether wholly or in part were also made not enforceable by law. Having the entire stock of paddy so controlled by Government, an officer has been appointed as the Grain Purchase Officer with a staff for the whole State. The Grain Purchase Scheme has been ordered to be undertaken by the Revenue Department under the supervision of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and the Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Grain Purchase Officer. Actual purchase has already been begun in various parts of the State by the Tahsildars and Assistant Supply Officers under the direction of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and the Deputy Commissioner and Grain Purchase Officer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the total quantity of paddy that has been agreed to be sold as per the statements called for to be submitted to the Tahsildars. Approximately an idea may be given.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* The statements have all been sent for check. So, I could not get at the exact figure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the stock of paddy that is being purchased in different taluks is being removed to places where there are mills?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. President: A portion will be milled and a portion will be issued as paddy to the public.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether Government has any objection to give paddy in place of rice according to the rationing where a party wants paddy in preference to rice?

Mr. President: It will be done if possible. But it is not always possible on account of the condition of the paddy some of which have to be milled in order to prevent deterioration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any report that paddy has been removed from the Chittur Taluk to Pollachi and other parts?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* I have not received any report.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have the Excise people received any report?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* I have no information.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is there not a possibility of intermediate persons owning and cultivating the property giving returns of the same property?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. There is the possibility. If lands are in the hands of tenants, there is a possibility of both the landlord and tenant being including it in their statements.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* How do you come to the conlcusion that both have included ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* By looking into the survey numbers, that will be eliminated. If it comes to a case of duplication, the officers responsible for preparing the statements would eliminate.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* In that case, the Civil Supplies Commissioner will not be able to get a correct statement.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* I have issued instructions to the officers concerned to look into that and prepare correct statements.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have you an estimate of the quantity of actual crops ? Before the harvest what was the quantity of paddy available ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* A survey of crops was made with reference to each crop, viruppu, mundakan, kole, etc. But it was not based on actualities. It was only an approximate estimate.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* After the harvest, returns were to be made by the owners of the paddy. According to that return what was the quantity available and what was the quantity made available for the people ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* In some places, harvest is still going on. Returns have not yet been verified completely.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The returns are with reference to crops harvested in areas above 2 acres. This crop survey includes every bit of land in the State.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am referring to the Chittur Taluk which is a surplus Taluk. Have you an estimate of the actual stock of paddy available there after the last harvest ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Statements have been received and tabulation is not over.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* When you took paddy in, did you get all the paddy that is in the statement ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Purchase is not yet over. It is going on.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the paddy that has been estimated and for which statements have been given, available for us ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* I can state that only after the entire purchase is over. The entire purchase is not yet over.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I know the whole paddy is not available.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How much of it is available ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* That can be determined only after the harvest is over.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Have you taken any measures to verify the correctness of the statements received ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Yes. They are being checked.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How is it checked ? Has there been an inspection of the paddy stocks to see whether the figures given in the returns are correct ?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know when exactly the Tahsildars were recruited for the purchase of paddy ?

Mr. President: The answer to that is that the Taluk Tahsildars are purchasing paddy, but in some taluks we found it necessary to recruit Additional Tahsildars to assist them. It was found that some of the Tahsildars were unable to do this work with sufficient speed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know when exactly the Tahsildars stepped in for the purchase of paddy ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* As soon as the scheme was introduced.

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Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know what quantity was purchased by the Tahsildars before the Additional Tahsildars were appointed?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: Additional Tahsildars have not purchased. It is the permanent Tahsildars that purchase paddy.

Mr. President: Paddy purchased by the Tahsildars comes to about 7 lakhs. That is about a week ago.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: When Mr. A. P. Menon was deputed to Chittur to purchase paddy, what was the quantity available according to the returns and how much paddy could they get?

Mr. President: I think that is not relevant to this question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know the quantity of paddy that was available at that time?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The question is with reference to paddy grown and harvested from 1st Vrischigam 1118 to 1st Meenam 1118. This took place in Karkadagam of last year. That does not come within the purview of this question. No statements were called for and no statements were received in Karkadagam 1117.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will you kindly let us know when the statements were asked to be submitted?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Before the 1st of Vrischigam.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: You did not call for the statements before the harvest?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No. We did not call for the statements of paddy before the particular notification was published. This notification refers only to the Makaram crop, that is from the 1st of Vrischigam to the 1st of Meenam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether from the wording used in answer to (b) that the cultivators will not be subjected to the scheme of rationing, they will be allowed all the necessary expenditure for cultivation and they will not be subjected to rationing.

Mr. President: A Press Communique has been issued to that effect.

IRINJALAKKUDA RICE DEPOT—ARREST OF OFFICERS

97. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട സർക്കാർ അരിഡെപ്പോവിലെ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ അറസ്റ്റ്ചെയ്തുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു കാരണത്തിന്മേൽ;

(സി) അവരുടെപേരിൽ വല്ല കേസും ചാർജ്ജ്ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ എന്തുകൊണ്ടു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: (എ) ഉണ്ടു്.

(ബി) ഡെപ്പോവിലെ അരിയിൽ കറുകണ്ടതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു്.

(സി) ഉണ്ടു്. ക്രിമിനൽ പ്രൊസീഡിയർ കോഡിലെ നൂറ്റിമൂന്നാം സെക്ഷൻ പ്രകാരം ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട സ്റ്റേഷനിലെ ഫസ്റ്റ്-ക്ലാസ്സ് മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട് കേസ്സിൽ ഡെപ്പോ കീപ്പർ വിജയമേനോനേയും മെഷർ ഗോപാലമേനോനേയും ചാർജ്ജു് ചെയ്തു.

(ഡി) ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: എന്നാണു് കേസു് രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഏകദേശം കേസുപിടിച്ചു് എത്രകാലം കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടായിരിക്കും ചാർജ്ജുചെയ്തിരിക്കുക?

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